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**Talking Points for the DCI
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Instances of Hostile Artillery Fire From the Matn

The area known as the Matn or Upper Matn encompasses two Lebanese administrative districts north of the Beirut-Damascus Highway--the Baabda and Matn districts. There has been a heavy concentration of Syrian as well as Druze and probable Palestinian artillery in the Matn, chiefly around Hammana. [REDACTED]

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Although it is likely that some of these guns played a role in the August-September fighting, there are only a few instances where it can be proven that hostile fire originated from the Matn. [REDACTED]

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Since the cease-fire of 26 September there have been no proven instances of hostile rocket or artillery fire originating from the Matn. [REDACTED]

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Known Syrian, Palestinian, and Druze artillery units in the Matn and Baabda districts are covered in current US military targets lists. [REDACTED]

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Incidents of Hostile Artillery Fire from the Shuf

The bulk of the artillery support for the Druze-Palestinian drive in the Shuf during the fighting last September was based in the Alayh district south of the Beirut-Damascus Highway. In view of the tremendous amount of ordnance expended during the fighting it would be almost impossible to pinpoint any one gun position as responsible for firing at government or MNF positions.

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Since the cease-fire went into effect, Druze and possibly Palestinian gun positions in the towns of Kayfun, Ash Shuwayfat, Baysur, Alayh, and Bhamdun among others have probably fired on MNF and Lebanese Army positions in and around Beirut. [REDACTED]

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There are few if any Syrian gun positions south of the highway, although individual batteries could be relocated quickly into the area for specific firing missions. In view of the 27 kilometer range of many of the Syrian pieces, such a deployment probably would not be necessary. [REDACTED]

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Known artillery positions in the Shuf and Alayh districts are not covered in current US military target lists because the guns are not considered to be politically effective targets for a retaliatory strike. [REDACTED]

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